

**Conclusion**

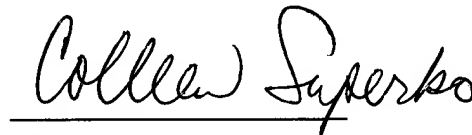
Applicants believe that all of the outstanding rejections of record have been overcome by amendment and/or argument. Accordingly, the claims are now believed to be in condition for allowance. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner issue a timely Notice of Allowance.

No fees are believed to be due in connection with this correspondence. If any fees are due, please charge any payments due, or credit any overpayments, to our Deposit Account No. 08-0219.

The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the telephone number given below in order to expedite the prosecution of the instant application.

Respectfully submitted,

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